

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~LACTOBACILLUS STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHOEA CAUSED BY PATHOGENIC BACTERIA AND ROTAVIRUSES~~

SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

**“LACTOBACILLUS STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHOEA
CAUSED BY PATHOGENIC BACTERIA AND ROTAVIRUSES”**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following centered heading after the paragraph ending on line 6 of page 3:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 with the following centered heading:

~~In the figures,~~

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Please add the following centered heading at the beginning of page 6:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 1 with the following:

Claims

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

Please replace the Abstract on page 24 with the following:

Summary

~~The present invention pertains to novel microorganisms of the family Lactobacillaceae, especially to microorganisms of the genus Lactobacillus, that are useful in preventing or treating diarrhea brought about by rotaviruses and pathogenic bacteria. In particular, the present invention relates to the use of said micro-organisms for the preparation of an ingestable support and to a composition containing same.~~

ABSTRACT

Novel microorganisms of the family Lactobacillaceae and pharmaceutical compositions, food and methods of using same are provided. The microorganisms have the ability of preventing colonization of the intestine with pathogenic bacteria causing diarrhea and of preventing infection of intestinal epithelial cells by rotaviruses. The microorganisms can be used for the preparation of an ingestable support and to compositions containing same.